

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTERNET SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Internet Services are available in all the district Headquarters, Sub-Divisional Headquarters and Block Headquarters in the North-East;
- (b) the status of such services in Tripura;
- (c) whether Internet Connections are given `on demand` in Tripura; and
- (d) if not, the time by which such restriction in providing new Internet connections will be withdrawn?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has made available Internet Services at all District Headquarters (DHQs) of North East Region. BSNL has also made available Internet Services in all Sub Divisional Headquarters (SDHQs) in all the states of North East Region except Mizoram and 295 Block Headquarters (BHQs) out of 438. In addition Internet nodes have been set up by other Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in a number of cities in North East Region and a list of these cities is enclosed as per Annexure.

(b) BSNL is providing Internet Services in Tripura. In Tripura, Internet Services are available in all the 4 DHQs, all 15 SDHQs and 29 BHQs out of 40.

(c) & (d): In Tripura, Internet connections are being released in stages depending upon the available capacity of the Network. As soon as capacity constraints are resolved, the Internet connections shall be released freely. New connections are planned to be released in the 4th quarter of 2002.

ANNEXURE

Cities in North East Region where Internet nodes have been set up by ISPs other than BSNL

Sl. No.	Name of ISPs	City
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1.	M/s. CL Infinet Ltd.	Guwahati
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2.	M/s. Northeast Online Service Pvt. Ltd.	Guwahati
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3.	M/s. Reliance Infocom Ltd.	Guwahati
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4.	M/s. Satyam Infoway Ltd.	Guwahati
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5.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	Guwahati
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6.	M/s. S.S. Netcom Pvt. Ltd.	Shillong
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7.	M/s. S.S. Netcom Pvt. Ltd.	Kohima
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8.	M/s. S.S. Netcom Pvt. Ltd.	Imphal
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